

RADIO COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

A problem with known systems of this type is that a secondary station requesting access also specifies which of a plurality of resources it wishes to access. If that resource is busy access is denied, even if other suitable channels are available. In the present system allocation of a channel is performed by the primary station when acknowledging (206,210) a secondary station's access attempt (202,208), thereby eliminating wasted attempts. In one embodiment the primary station also periodically broadcasts a short message indicating the availability of channels for access attempts.

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